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Title

Method For Reducing Bias Error In a Vibrating

Structure Gyroscope

# RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT BASIC NATIONAL FEE REQUIRED AND/OR MISSING COPY OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.495

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 May 12, 2006

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the attached Notice of Insufficient Basic National Fee Required, etc., which indicates that a copy of the International Application, which includes a copy of the Request Form, submitted to the International Bureau is missing and that the basic national fee to enter national stage in the United States has not been paid. In response to this Notice, Applicants note the following:

1. The Basic National Fee, in the amount of \$1,040.00 was paid with the initial filing of this application on March 11, 2005, as evidenced by the enclosed postcard receipt. Moreover, the transmittal form PTO-1390 which accompanied the filing also indicated that a check in the amount of \$1,040.00 was enclosed to cover the fees calculated on page 2 of the form. In addition, Item c on page 2 of the form was also checked, authorizing the Commissioner to .....

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charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to

counsel's deposit account. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all

fees required in connection with this application have been duly and properly

paid.

2. A copy of the International Application as filed, was duly and

properly transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark office by the

International Bureau, as evidenced by the attached form PCT/IB/308.

3. Copies of all relevant papers regarding this application were duly

and properly filed by Applicant on March 11, 2005, as evidenced by the attached

postcard receipt.

4. In all events, in order to facilitate the further processing of this

application by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a copy of the International

Application as filed, together with the PCT Request are submitted herewith.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all required papers have

been submitted in connection with this application, and that all required fees

have been paid. If any further action on the part of Applicant is required in

order to complete the processing of this application by the U.S. Patent and

Trademark Office, notification to the undersigned would be appreciated.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 038665.55999US).

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# NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT BASIC NATIONAL FEE REQUIRED AND/OR MISSING COPY OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

Indication of Small Entity Status has not been received.

The following items must be furnished:

Copy of International Application, which includes a copy of the Request Form, submitted to the International Bureau is missing. A copy of the International Application must be provided prior to 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 are not available for compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.495(b). The international application may not be submitted via facsimile transmission.

The basic national fee to enter the national stage in the United States of America under 35 U.S.C. 371 must be paid by 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.495(b)(2)).

If the proper basic national fee is not paid within 30 months from the priority date, the international application will become ABANDONED as to the United States of America, and will not be accepted for national examination.

The amount required shown above reflects the correct fee as of the date of this Notice. If the amount changes prior to payment, applicant must pay the revised amount.

The current basic national fees are listed at 37 CFR 1.492(a). In addition, current PCT related fees are listed in each weekly issue of the Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the amount of the fees can be obtained from the USPTO 's web site www.uspto.gov or by contacting the Public Service Center at (703) 308-4357.

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For filing the basic national fee, the first class certificate of mailing procedure of 37 CFR 1.8 is NOT available to establish the date of mailing as the date of receipt in the USPTO (see 37 CFR 1.8(a)(2)(i)(F)). The Express Mail procedure of 37 CFR 1.10 may be used.

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/GB2005/050010 1 February 2005 (01.02.2005) 04 February 2004 (04.02.2004) TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR REDUCING BIAS ERROR IN A VIBRATING STRUCTURE GYROSCOPE APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Christopher Paul FELL and Andrew KAZER Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of Items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) 3.  $\boxtimes$ and (21) indicated below. 4. 図 The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) 冈 is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). a. b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. C. Is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. a. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). a. b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. c. d. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 8. 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 冈 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11.  $\boxtimes$ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. 冈 An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13.  $\boxtimes$ A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. 17. 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Other items or information: Nine (9) sheets of drawings showing Figures 1a.-9; EPO and British Search Reports 20.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims**:

1. (Original) A method for reducing bias error in a Vibrating Structure Gyroscope having a vibrating structure, primary drive means for putting the vibrating structure into carrier mode resonance, primary pick-off means for sensing carrier mode motion, secondary pick-off means for sensing response mode vibration of the vibrating structure in response to applied rotation rate, secondary drive means for applying a force to control the response mode motion, closed loop primary control loops for maintaining a fixed amplitude of motion at the primary pick-off means and for maintaining the drive frequency at the resonance maximum, and secondary control loops and for maintaining a null at the secondary pick-off means, in which the ratio  $SF_{QUAD}$  divided by  $SF_{IN-PHASE}$  is measured from the secondary control loop to provide a direct measurement of Sin ( $\phi_{SD} + \phi_{PPO}$ ), according to the relationship;

$$SF_{QUAD} = SF_{IN-PHASE} \times Sin (\phi_{SD} + \phi_{PPO})$$

where  $SF_{QUAD}$  is the quadrature scalefactor,  $SF_{IN-PHASE}$  is the in-phase scalefactor,  $\phi_{SD}$  is the phase error in the secondary drive means and  $\phi_{PPO}$  is the phase error in the primary pick-off means, the total phase error  $\phi_E$  is obtained directly from the measured Sin ( $\phi_{SD} + \phi_{PPO}$ ) according to the relationship;

$$\phi_E = \phi_{SD} + \phi_{PPO}$$

and phase corrections applied to the secondary drive means and/or primary pick-off means to reduce the phase error  $\phi_E$  and hence the quadrature bias error to enhance the performance of the gyroscope.

- 2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, when used with a gyroscope having a silicon vibrating structure.
- 3. (Original) A method according to Claim 2, when used with a gyroscope having a substantially planar, substantially ring shaped vibrating structure.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one Claims 1 to 3 Claim 1, when used with a gyroscope having analogue primary and secondary control loops with variable value capacitors, in which the phase corrections are applied by varying the values of the variable value capacitors in the secondary control loop relating to the secondary drive means and/or the values of the variable value capacitors in the primary control loop relating to the primary pick-off means to adjust  $\phi_{SD}$  and/or  $\phi_{PPO}$  such that  $\phi_E$  is minimised in value.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 Claim 1, when used with a gyroscope having digital primary and secondary control loops, in which the phase corrections equal to  $\phi_E$  are applied to the secondary drive means via the secondary control loop in a manner such as to cross-couple in-phase and quadrature drive channels by an amount equal and opposite to the combined effect of the phase errors in the vibrating structure control system.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 Claim 1, when used with a gyroscope having digital primary and secondary control loops, in which the phase corrections equal to  $\phi_E$  are applied to the primary pick-off

means by the primary control loop in a manner such as to cross-couple in-phase and quadrature drive channels by an amount equal and opposite to the combined effect of the phase errors in the vibrating structure control system.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 4 or Claim 5, in which in-phase and quadrature signal components are each multiplied by Sin  $\phi_{CORR}$  and  $Cos\phi_{CORR}$ , where  $\phi_{CORR}$ , is the phase correction, and the effective phase of each in-phase and quadrature channel adjusted according to the summations.

Quadrature core = Quadrature x Cos $\phi_{CORR}$  + In-phase x Sin $\phi_{CORR}$  and

In-phase<sub>CORR</sub> = In-phase x  $Cos\phi_{CORR}$  - Quadrature x  $Sin\phi_{CORR}$ .

- 8. (Original) A method according to Claim 6, in which  $\phi_{CORR}$  is adjusted in accordance with operating temperature of the gyroscope to maintain  $\phi_E$  at a minimised value.
  - 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. A Vibrating Structure Gyroscope operated according to the method of any one of claims 1 to 8 Claim 1.

# **REMARKS**

Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. These claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 038665.55999US).

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# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R § \$ 1.97 AND 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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#### **Publication**

I estimate that, provided you have met all the formal requirements, preparations for publication of your application will be completed soon after 28 June 2005. At this time you will receive a letter confirming the exact date when the preparations for publication will be completed. This letter will also tell you the publication number and date of publication of your application.

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## 3.1 Dependent claim 9:

The claims must not rely on the drawings. Claim 9 should be deleted (see Rule 29(6) EPC and the Guidelines for examination, C-III, 4.10)

## 3.2 Independent claim 10:

An independent claim should specify all of the essential features needed to define the invention and should include all the technical features of the invention which are essential for the technical effect. Independent claim 10 should therefore not only be directed to independent claim 1 but should include all essential features (see the Guidelines for examination, C-III, 4.4).

#### 4. Further Remarks

The applicants are invited to file new claims which take account of the above comments, bearing in mind that all the features disclosed by the closest prior art **D1** in combination with the features mentioned in the preamble should be placed in the preamble of such a claim in accordance with Rule 29(1) EPC.

Reference signs in parentheses should be inserted in the claims to increase their intelligibility, Rule 29(7) EPC. This applies to both the preamble and characterising portion (see the Guidelines, C-III, 4.11).

The applicants should bring the description into conformity with the amended claims. Document **D1** should be identified in the description and the relevant background art disclosed therein should be briefly discussed (Rule 27(1)(b) EPC).

The applicants are asked to clearly identify the amendments carried out and to indicate the passages of the application as filed on which these amendments are based. These indications could be submitted in handwritten form on a copy of the relevant parts of the application as filed (see the Guidelines E-II, 1).